

## Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Office of Public Affairs

For Immediate Release August 19, 2008

**Contact: Chuck Wolfe** 

Chuck.Wolfe@ky.gov

502-564-3419

## Governor Beshear announces grant for bike-pedestrian trail in Sebree

Project will improve safety along stretch of US 41

FRANKFORT, Ky. – Gov. Steve Beshear today announced a Transportation Enhancement (TE) grant of \$318,400 to help fund a bike/pedestrian trail along heavily traveled US 41 in Sebree.

"This project will address some very serious safety concerns for the residents of Sebree," said Gov. Beshear. "My administration is committed to the enhancement of safety for every Kentuckian. The citizens of Sebree will not be left out of that equation."

Many residents of Sebree, in Webster County, walk or ride bicycles to local stores, and their numbers have increased in recent years. The addition of guardrails on a stretch of US 41 further hampered foot and bike travel.

"I can't think of a better investment of TE funds," said state Sen. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson). "The existing conditions are very dangerous for all who walk or bike to stores in Sebree. This project will make a huge difference in their lives."

"This is going to have a very positive impact on US 41 vehicular traffic, too," said state Rep. Jim Gooch (D-Providence). "It will reduce the number of conflicts between pedestrians and motorists and generally improve everything along that stretch of road."

The highway adjacent to the planned "bike/ped" path averages 4,130 vehicles per day – one in 10 being a heavy truck, according to Kentucky Transportation Cabinet traffic counts.